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| In re Application of | : | |
| Andrew W. Scherpbrier | : | |
| Application No. 08/726,377 | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Filed: October 4, 1996 | : | TO MAKE SPECIAL |
| For: BROWSER CONTROLLER | : | |

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d), filed December 22, 1997, to make the above-identified application special.

Since petitioner did not specifically state which special status is being requested, the petition is being treated as a request that the application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII, must be accompanied by (a) the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(I), (b) a statement that all claims are directed to a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the Patent and Trademark Office hold that the claims are not directed to a single invention, (c) a statement that a pre-examination search has been made by the inventor, attorney, agent, professional searcher, etc., and a listing of the field of search by class and subclass, (d) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, and (e) a detailed description of the submitted references and discussions pointing out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over these references.

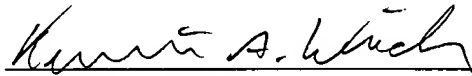
The petition lacks a statement that all claims are directed to a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the Patent and Trademark Office hold that the claims are not directed to a single invention as required by item (b) above.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DENIED**.

Should applicant desire reconsideration, he/she should supplement this petition by including the information as outlined above. No further petition fee is required.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this decision..

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center's Central File and will await action in its regular turn.



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